

sunk in Havana and has seen all the changes of this century, for better or worse. Through it all she has never lost her caring for people.

In Concourse Village, where she lives, she is called aunt, cousin, sister, mother, God-mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend. I congratulate her not only for her long life but, most especially, for all the joy and goodness she has brought to all those fortunate enough to know her.

CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT FRANCES' RESIDENCE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a momentous milestone for the Saint Frances' Residence. On June 28, 1998, the residence will officially mark their 100th year of service to my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey.

During the latter half of the Nineteenth Century, the City of Paterson experienced a prolonged period of industrial growth. In particular, the silk industry was expanding so rapidly that Paterson was soon known as "The Silk City." Many of those working in the mills were young single women, away from home for the first time. These young women had come to Paterson to help support their families. Still others were recent immigrants with no roots in the United States. Out of concern for the well-being of these women, the Very Reverend William McNulty, Pastor of the St. John's Roman Catholic Parish, requested that the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth provide them with a stable "home for working girls."

Under the first Superior/Administrator, Sister Mary Louis Healy, the Saint Frances' Residence opened on January 1, 1897. Although its original mission was to provide a safe haven for working women, the residence also placed emphasis on providing lodging and training for ill or unemployed female domestics. The Residence was an instant success, causing it to expand from its original location at 393 Main Street to a nearby property on Jackson Street. The expansion continued during the early 1900s.

As Paterson's needs evolved, the role of the Residence changed. By 1933, Saint Frances had become a modernized "home for business women," complete with electricity and a "restful summer house." At one time, as many as 72 women lived in the residence, most of whom were gainfully employed. Breakfast and dinner were provided by the residence and a packed lunch was provided.

By the 1950s, St. Frances' began to take in more financially secure mature women. It continues to serve the City of Paterson as a home for the aged to this day. The Residence also remains an important asset to the community during times of crisis, providing housing for those who have been the victims of natural disasters. The most famous instance of St. Frances' generosity occurred in 1956 when it provided shelter for the passengers of the doomed ocean-liner "Andrea Doria."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and the City of Paterson as we congratulate the St. Frances Residence on its first

100 years and wish current Superior/Administrator Sister Joyce Vincent the best of luck as the Residence begins its second century of service.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NATIONAL CITY: VICTORY AGAINST HUNGER AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. BOB FILNER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I am pleased to recognize the Community Food Bank of National City as one of twelve recipients nationwide of the prestigious 5th Annual Victory Against Hunger Award.

The Victory Against Hunger Awards are distributed to anti-hunger organizations that are using innovative methods to help food banks that are running on empty. These awards, which include checks of \$1000 to each winning organization, are sponsored by the Congressional Hunger Center, headed by Representatives TONY HALL and FRANK WOLF, and Victory Wholesale Grocers of Springboro, Ohio. By the end of last year's competition, a total of \$38,000 in \$1,000 checks had been presented by Members of Congress to their winning hunger-fighting organizations.

The Community Food Bank is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and providing emergency food to residents and transients, as well as assisting with needs beyond hunger such as clothing, housing, job placement, medical prescriptions, transportation and counseling.

This service began in May of 1991. At that time, it was known as the Deacon's Food Closet of First Baptist Church of National City—the dream of Chuck and Betty Black, members of this congregation. The Food Bank operated one day each week out of a small room at this church site, serving forty to fifty families.

In early 1997, a number of churches, social service agencies, and concerned citizens gathered to explore the possibilities for networking together with the hope of more effectively meeting the needs in the community. Out of this meeting came an expansion which includes a new name, a new location, plans to extend the hours of operations to three days per week, and the innovative collaboration of several community organizations. Working together, this wide range of groups and individuals are able to contribute far more to the community than working alone.

The Board of Directors is now comprised of members from four community churches including St Matthew's Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, First Congressional Church, and First Baptist Church of National City, the Kiwanis Club of National City, Paradise Valley Hospital, the Family Resource Center, elected officials, and other leaders of the community. A side benefit of the expanded Food Bank is that the ecumenical ties and relationships between the congregations of the community have been strengthened and enriched.

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new location was just held on Monday, June 22nd, presided over by National City Mayor George Waters who was instru-

mental in obtaining this new site for the Food Bank.

The goal of the Community Food Bank is to eventually work towards a five day operation. There are no paid staff, and a group of volunteers provide all the man and womanpower. The Food Bank holds several food drives each year and actively seeks cash donations to improve the quality and quantity of the food. They work to provide food that represents all major food groups.

My congratulations go to the Community Food Bank of National City, to the officers (Chair Rev. Patricia Andrews-Callori, Vice Chair Rev. W. James Kilinsky, Secretary Rev. Adiel De Pano, and Treasurer Ben Martinez), and to all the other members of the community who are working together on this vital project. I am proud of the cooperation of so many community groups and individuals which is making a difference in the lives of many National City residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOE TUNNELL

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a dedicated protector of the law and a fine American—Judge Joe Tunnell of Tyler, Texas—who died on June 9. Judge Tunnell also was a devoted father and husband, and he will be dearly missed by all those he touched in East Texas.

Joe Tunnell, the son of a Van Zandt County, Texas farmer, was born June 4, 1918, and attended the Grand Saline school system. He earned his bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from North Texas State Teachers College. Upon graduation, he briefly taught high school before entering the U.S. Navy, where he served during World War II. Afterward, in 1948, he received his law degree from Southern Methodist University.

In 1950, Mr. Tunnell was elected Van Zandt County District Attorney—an office he held for eight years. He left Van Zandt County to become assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas and then briefly as interim U.S. Attorney before returning to private practice. In 1985 Mr. Tunnell was appointed to the 241st District Court bench, where he served until retirement in 1993. Judge Tunnell was known for his no-nonsense, tough, yet fair decisions, and for his genuine concern for people.

Judge Tunnell lived his life in the same manner he handled decisions on the bench—with grace and dignity. He was also a long time member of Pollard Methodist Church. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann Tunnell and Bill Atkins of Tyler; his two sons and daughters-in-law, T.R. Tunnell and Debbie Pool Tunnell, Dallas, and John W. Tunnell and Jackee Cox Tunnell of Huntington, Texas; as well as his three sisters and two grand sons, Matthew and Adam Tunnell. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late Judge Joe Tunnell.